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Surprise Homecoming

U.S. Army Sgt. Normand reunites with family after a year



Photos by Cassandra Favre

At left. From left, Evan, Sgt. Brandon, Emma, and Diana Normand. At right, Sgt. Brandon Normand surprised 8-year-old Emma at North Bay Elementary on Wednesday.

BY CAMERON LANNING
Sea Coast Echo Junior Reporter

Sgt. Brandon Normand on Wednesday surprised his kids, 11-year-old Evan and 8-year-old Emma, at Bay Middle School and North Bay Elementary. Normand serves in the U.S. Army National Guard and is a full-time law enforcement officer for the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. Normand said he has worked in

law enforcement for 16 years and served 12 years with the Army National Guard. He said he has been gone for a year with the Army. He's been to Kuwait, Iraq, and Egypt. He said he wanted to surprise his kids because they have been doing a lot for his wife, Diana, and helping her take care of the family. Normand hid behind the curtains in the gym and the whole school came into the gym. Ms. Darby, the school counselor,

picked Emma to introduce what the students thought was a reader for Read Across America. The curtains were pulled back and revealed Emma's dad. Norman thanked the students for being Emma's friends and for sending care packages. "It feels great," Emma said. "I did not expect it. I'm happy."

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Qualifying ends for 2019 county, state elections

Baria bows out, throws support behind Wendy McDonald; Carver to challenge Adam for sheriff

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The qualifying period for this year's county and state-wide elections ended at 5 p.m. on Friday, and one of the major surprises was that this year's ballot won't include David Baria's name for the first time in more than a decade. "It has been one of the greatest honors in my life, and truly a privilege to serve the people of Hancock County in the Mississippi Legislature for the last 12 years," Baria, a Bay St. Louis resident who serves as state representative for District 122, said in a press release on Friday afternoon. "During that time, my wife Marcie and my three children, Merritt, Bess and Max, have graciously allowed me to pursue my political aspirations in Jackson and around our state," including a run last year for U.S. senate. "In the last decade, I have all too often been away from home when my family needed me. Now is the time for me to return home and to be present for and supportive of Marcie and the kids. For that reason, I will not run for reelection to the Mississippi House of Representatives." Baria said in a text message on Friday that he will throw his support behind former Bay St. Louis

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GEMS
AMONG US

A MONTHLY FEATURE IN THE SEA COAST ECHO

BY BILL CURRIE
Contributing Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the inaugural edition of "Gems Among Us," a monthly column that will detail stories about seniors in the area. We all have interesting and sometimes riveting stories from certain times in our lives that should be shared to inform, entertain, inspire and contribute to the wonderful stories of the best of humanity. We hope you enjoy this new feature. This column will run the first Saturday of every month.

The inaugural "Gem" lives in retirement at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. Brother Matthew Connors was a baker, butcher, bus driver and groundskeeper for the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries after joining at age 19.

At 50, he was assigned to a black church in a poor part of Greenville, Mississippi. He thought he was going to maintain the property. Instead, he found himself in the improbable role of becoming a father figure and mentor to scores of boys and young men on the likely path to death or prison. Here is Brother Matt's story: I was sent to Greenville from Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1990 to maintain the property of Sacred Heart Church. I thought I would stay there a couple of



Bro. Matthew Connors

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Passenger rail stop in Bay is on track

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The plan for a long-awaited passenger rail service between New Orleans and Mobile -- with a stop in Bay St. Louis -- is on track and could be ready to go in as little as two years, officials said this week. "The last piece of this puzzle is a \$14 million investment from the state of Mississippi," Knox Ross,

vice-chairman of the Southern Rail Commission (SRC), said Wednesday. "As soon as we get that all together, (Amtrak officials) said their time frame for putting everything together would be about 24 months." Ross said there are still a few wrinkles to iron out, but he was confident the state legislature would secure the necessary funding. The project has been in the works for more than three years. It

began in early 2016, when members of the SRC, Sen. Roger Wicker and Gov. Phil Bryant conducted an Amtrak tour from New Orleans to Jacksonville, Fla., stopping in Bay St. Louis and other points on the Gulf Coast along the way. Once the service is operational, Ross said, there will also be stops in Gulfport, Biloxi and Pascagoula. Ross said the service would be a

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Krewe of Knights rolls; Carnival parades continue this weekend

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The Carnival season will kick into high gear this weekend as the clock winds down toward Fat Tuesday in just four days, with the Krewe of Diamondhead parade scheduled today, Saturday; the St. Paul Carnival Association parade in Pass Christian on Sunday; the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse Lundi Gras parade in Bay St. Louis on Monday; and the Krewe of Real People: Next

Generation parade in the Bay on Mardi Gras Day. The Holy Trinity Catholic School Krewe of Knights kept the good times rolling yesterday with its 40th annual parade in downtown Bay St. Louis. King Trace Carter, Queen Bella Hebert and the dukes and maids toasted the royal court of the Krewe of Nereids at the school gym after the parade, and Bay Mayor Mike Favre proclaimed Friday as "The Day of the Knights."

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Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre and King Nereus greet Krewe of Knights King Trace Carter and Queen Bella Hebert.



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Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse Ready to Roll

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Bay St. Louis, MS – Bay St. Louis' pirate krewe will parade in Old Town this Lundi Gras – Monday, March 4th beginning at 5pm. The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse, the non-profit that also created the popular "Pirate Day in the Bay" event, expects the 2019 parade to be it's best yet. The parade will roll with about 90 golf carts and walking groups, with the theme of "Journey Under the Sea".

This year's throws include the signature light-up seahorse beads, golf cart beads and kids LED pirate-themed swords, flashlights, light-up head gear and more.

The 2019 King Oceanus is Henry Winters and Queen Tethys is Kay Kell, both local Bay St. Louis residents. The parade will roll with two Grand Marshalls this year – Rear Admiral John A.

Okon, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy; and "Gametime Saint" (Donald Silcio), the Official Superfan of The Who Dat Nation.

The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse is named after a small ship that was instrumental during the War of 1812. According to history the Seahorse fearlessly sailed into the Bay of St. Louis and single-handedly fought the entire British Armada. Before eventually sinking, the Seahorse was able to disable or sink several British war ships, which delayed the British advance on New Orleans. The delay allowed Andrew Jackson sufficient time to fortify his position and defeat the British at the Battle of New Orleans.

Organized by volunteers with the Krewe, the parade is growing each year and will be packed



Rear Admiral John A. Okon - Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy - is one of two Grand Marshalls for the 6th Annual Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse Parade.

with great throws, golf carts and more. Krewe members will be in full costume, and all visitors are encouraged to wear their swashbuckling best.

The parade will roll at 5 pm Monday, March 4th from the corner of Depot Way and Bookter St., travel down Nicaise Ave.,



Gametime Saint (Donald Silcio), the Official Superfan of The Who Dat Nation, is one of two Grand Marshalls for the Seahorse Parade.

Main St., 2nd St., DeMontluzin Ave., Beach Blvd., then disband at the parking garage on Court Street.

If you'd like to participate in the parade, go to mkotsh.com or email mkotshreasurer@gmail.com for an application.

GRAND MARSHALL
1 - Bio - Rear Admiral John A. Okon
Commander, Naval Meteorology and

Oceanography Command, Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy
Rear Adm. John A. Okon grew up in Syracuse, New York, and graduated from the State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Meteorology and Oceanography. He holds master's degrees in meteorology and physical oceanography from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, and in national security studies from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Upon commissioning, he initially served as a surface warfare officer and transferred to naval oceanography in 1995. He now serves as a member of the Navy's Information Warfare Community.

At sea, Okon served aboard USS Ticonderoga (CG 47) as first lieutenant, administrative officer and navigator and aboard USS

Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) as meteorologist and oceanographer. Ashore, he served as optimum track ship router at the Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Center; aide to commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command; operations officer and executive assistant to the deputy director for regional operations, Joint Staff; senior oceanography assignment and placement officer, Navy Personnel Command; and executive assistant to the deputy chief of naval operations for information warfare and director of naval intelligence.

Okon commanded Naval Oceanography Antisubmarine Warfare Center in Yokosuka, Japan, and Fleet Numerical

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TO GET**

**THROUGH
US.**

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Trump and Chawlas

The Trump organization withdrew from a project to build a luxury hotel complex in Cleveland, Miss., but the local partner, Chawla Hotels, is full steam ahead on the 18-acre \$20 million venture.

The Trump organization dropped out of the project because of politics, company president Donald Trump Jr. said in a five-person conference call. The media is all over them, so they are scaling back new projects and plans.

“Our father has the most important and powerful job in the world. We live in a climate where everything will be used against us, whether by the fake news or by Democrats who are only interested in presidential harassment and wasting everyone’s time, barraging us with nonsense letters. We already have the greatest properties in the world and if we have to slow down our growth for the time being, we are happy to do it,” Trump said.

Suresh Chawla had organized the call to ensure the best possible spin on the Trump withdrawal. For 15 minutes Donald Jr. praised the Chawlas, the project and Mississippi, and trashed the liberal mainstream media. There was some irony that he was talking to three people in the media chosen by Suresh to help him tell his story.

While on the call, my staff was yacking outside my office door. I had fun telling them to be quiet. “Could y’all keep it down? I’m trying to have a conversation with Donald Trump,” I told them, which was technically correct.

Trump praised the Chawlas for not litigating and looked forward to a return to the Delta, maybe at the 2020 Delta Council meeting. “You guys know me. I’m a duck hunting, deer hunting, fishing kind of guy. I could probably quite easily move down to the Delta and have a pretty good time. You never have to twist my arm to eat that kind of food either. That is my style.”

The Cleveland hotel was to be the first in the Scion group of luxury hotels throughout the country. Three other existing Chawla hotels were going to be converted to a new Trump mid-market hotel brand.

In a joint statement Dinesh and Suresh Chawla said, “We are honored to have had the opportunity to work with the Trump Organization. Don, Eric and the entire Trump Hotels team are fantastic people, and their family helped launch our path to the American Dream 30 years ago. Our product is far superior today to when we started and that is because of the time and expertise that Trump Hotels dedicated to us. We understand their position completely and are grateful for their professionalism. We hope that when the time is right, we can work with Trump Hotels again.”

The Chawlas will carry on without the Trumps, going back to their original name. the Lyric Hotel.

The project hopes to benefit from the Blues Trail that runs through the Delta and the new Cleveland Grammy



Guest Opinion

by **Wyatt Emmerich**
Publisher of Northside Sun

Wicker Breaks Down the ‘Green New Deal’ *Socialist-Inspired Proposal Would Bankrupt America*

The “Green New Deal” is perhaps the most expensive and economically disastrous legislation ever proposed. The socialist-inspired plan aims to remake America’s economy and society through a radical new approach to energy, infrastructure, and the role of government. New research from the American Action Forum estimates the proposal would cost taxpayers up to \$93 trillion - more than four times the annual value of all economic activity in the United States.

Put another way, the Green New Deal proposes to spend more money than the entire recorded spending of the federal government since the Constitution went into effect in 1789.

Proponents of the deal say that the legislation would be paid for by increasing taxes on the wealthiest Americans. However, the math does not work. At a cost of about \$650,000 per American household, nearly 90 percent of all American assets, wealth, and property would need to be exchanged to pay



From the Senate

by **Roger Wicker**

U.S. Senator

this hefty price tag.

AN UNREALISTIC AND UNACHIEVABLE PROPOSAL

The Green New Deal requires such an enormous cost because it would mandate goals that are unrealistic and unachievable - not to mention bad policy. The plan calls for a switch to 100 percent renewable fuels within a decade. Wind and solar power currently account for only eight percent of America’s energy and only three percent of energy generated in Mississippi.

Eliminating the use of America’s abundant and affordable coal, oil, and gas resources would not only devastate these industries and the communities they support but also burden all Americans with extremely high energy bills. The plan includes the elimination of gas-powered vehicles, including airplanes, and requires a costly expansion of emissions-free public transportation systems. This would require the replacement of 99 percent of all vehicles - a tremendous waste of resources - and would isolate those in rural states like Mississippi.

The Green New Deal also contradicts the reality of America’s current energy revolution. Over the past decade, new drilling techniques and technology have transformed our country into a net-exporter of energy. Lower energy costs have helped fuel our economic resurgence.

SOCIALISM’S FALSE PROMISES

The demands of the Green New Deal go well beyond energy. The plan also would guarantee housing, health care, high-

wage jobs, food, and paid vacations for all Americans, including those “unwilling to work.” From the Soviet Union to Venezuela, the failures of socialism are proof that government control cannot produce economic prosperity.

It would be easy to dismiss the Green New Deal as an absurd proposal, yet many are taking it seriously. The resolution has the support of 90 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 12 members of the U.S. Senate. Several candidates for President of the United States also have voiced their approval.

The push for a Green New Deal makes even less sense given the success of Republican policies in jump starting our economy with lower taxes and fewer unnecessary regulations. Our economy grew at a rate of nearly three percent last year. More Americans are working than ever before and wages are growing. As our quality of life continues to improve and new opportunities abound for our people, the last thing we need is a Green New Deal.



D’head parks *and* recreation parcel assessment proposal

Much of what’s being written on social media is completely false. Below are the facts.

The Diamondhead POA owns and maintains the airport, the building where the Harbor House restaurant is located, the marina, the fountain near the duck pond, the Community Center, two walking trails, 4 swimming pools, at least 5 ball fields, a children’s play area, two golf courses, the Country Club (this is not an actual Country Club but rather a Community Club), Twins Lakes pavilion, an RV storage area etc. These properties are worth multi-million dollars.

The POA may lose the ability to maintain these facilities in the future.

Picture for yourself



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closes, visit the St. Andrews area of Ocean Springs. The area has lost significant property values, residents have not been able to sell their properties for anything close to what they paid originally and very few people are interested in living there.

The City’s proposal for a Parks and Recreation Parcel Assessment is a “fall back solution” in case the POA loses the ability to maintain our amenities. It’s that simple. It is NOT an attempt to add something on top of the POA and, in fact, should reduce the amount of fees that residents presently pay to support our amenities.. The proposal would allow the

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Gems

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years and move on. God works in mysterious ways, though.

I was raking leaves one day when a kid asked me if I needed help. I asked him why he wasn't in school and he told me he was expelled for fighting. I called his school and they confirmed he had been expelled so I paid him to help me rake leaves.

"The next day he returned with three friends. They said they had all been expelled for fighting, which I confirmed with the school, so I put them to work also.

That afternoon I asked the kids if they played basketball, and the smallest kid told me he was Michael Jordan! I took Michael Jordan and his friends to the Sacred Heart gym and let them play ball for an hour, after which I closed the gym and went to the rectory to have supper.

Just as I sat down there was a knock at the door. Outside were 90 black kids with various gang colors standing in the yard together, which was a miracle in itself. They asked if I was going to open the gym for them, too. When I told them I would as long as

they didn't wear their gang colors, they protested, at which point I turned to go inside. Realizing I was going to stick to my guns they quickly agreed.

The first night in the gym was tense with rival gang members looking warily upon each other, but after a few nights they were playing on the same teams and helping each other up when they got knocked down. For seven years, they came every night to play basketball for three hours in the gym, rotating teams. When one team lost a game, another team stepped onto the court, and the rule was that either everybody gets the ball or nobody gets the ball.

Then I had a hard bout with pneumonia and my doctor said I could only go to the gym every other night. And so, for the next three years, the boys did just that. During those 10 years of evening basketball games, there was never, not once, a problem on the grounds of the Sacred Heart Church and the gym. Those boys understood the sacredness of the property.

Instead of preaching to the kids who came to play basketball, I got to know them on an individual basis, and tried to lead them from that perspective. As things came to light about their home life, their parents, siblings, extended families and other problems, I began to see they

had other needs than to just play basketball every night. These things needed solutions.

So, I became a person wearing many hats. Sometimes it was just a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, or even a substitute parent. Other times I was transportation to and from medical care, solicitor for donations such as shoes, coats, blankets, baby formula, diapers, baby wipes and sometimes food for an entire family. Those boys had become my family and I cared for each and every one.

When donations didn't match the need, I used my own meager salary. There were times when there was just not enough to cover the needs of so many, and nothing was left for myself. I relied on Divine Providence to take care of me.

Sometimes I went to bed hungry because of a phone call saying that a family with little children had no food. If I didn't have the money, then I'd give them whatever food was in our little storeroom. It was my way of trying to show the love of Christ to these boys, most of whom had grown up without a father or any role model to set an example of what a real man should be to his family.

In them I saw potential for better things and did my best to implant that concept into them. I

encouraged them to complete their education and to learn a trade. What I repeated over and over was that if they made good changes to their lives, they could – and would – become good citizens who would be an example for those who came after them.

I worked hard to keep guys out of prison. I went to the courtroom every time one of my guys was in trouble. I went to court to speak for my guys around 200 times, maybe a little more, and I came out with 197 of them.

When any of my guys would get arrested, they were incredibly anxious because they felt the system was against them, and that they would be found guilty and get the maximum sentence. I told them I would get them out the first time but after that they needed to smarten up and fly right. And most of them did to the point that today they are successful husbands and fathers.

I went to about 75 funerals in the Delta. About 90 percent of them were for kids who had been shot through the head. I once stood before the casket of a 2-year-old girl who had been shot in the head. She had been dancing on the couch in her house. Her brother was a gang member and he and another guy had gotten into a fight. The other guy went home and grabbed his .45 pistol. He fired it at the brother's

house from a block away. The bullet went through the wall of the house and hit the little girl on the couch.

I had never seen such gun violence, and despite being a gun owner earlier in life, I vowed to get as many guns off the streets as I could. With the concurrence of the police chief, I put the word out that guys could turn guns in to me anonymously with no questions asked.

By the time I left Greenville, I had turned in 71 guns to the police department. I was very thankful that those guns were off the streets and out of hands that might pull the trigger.

It disturbed me to later learn that when the police department needed money to buy equipment, they would sell the guns I had turned in to a pawn shop. The guns would go right back onto the street. Despite this, for a while there was a noticeable drop in gun violence in Greenville. You have to thank God for every blessing, no matter how short-lived.

I experienced the best and the worst of gang members in Greenville. The worst was being the target of two drive-by shootings because I was talking kids into turning away from gangs.

There were many "bests," but one that sticks out was a night in the gym

when the guys formed two lines as if they were going to fight. Instead they walked up to me, side by side, shook my hand, and said, "Happy Father's Day."

Wow, the guys really touched my heart that night.

So many times I've been asked how a short, white guy from Massachusetts connected with young black boys and men in Mississippi.

I showed them I cared about them. You can't just tell a person you care about them, you have to show them through actions. Preaching only goes so far. If they have holes in their shoes, buy them new ones. If they're cold at night, give them blankets. If they're hungry, feed them. If they need a father figure, be one to them. You have to make people feel like they matter."

Brother Matt's Mississippi Delta experiences, including interviews with former gang members, are detailed in the book, "We Did It Together, One Man's Improbable Journey of Becoming a Father Figure to Gang Members in the Mississippi Delta," available on Amazon.com.

If you would like to share a story from your life or would like to nominate someone to be a "Gem," e-mail Bill at: billcurrie23@gmail.com.

Letter

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City to form a Parks and Recreation Department that would operate as a City Department and be funded by the Parcel Assessment proposal.

The State of Mississippi does not have anything like this as far as I know. The only solution provided by the Constitution of Mississippi is to pass a "Local and Private Legislation" bill allowing the City to use a Parks and Recreation Parcel Assessment to fund a Recreation Department under the City.

If the legislation passes and is implemented,

EVERY parcel of land within the city limits, including those in the business area and other areas not presently under the POA, would pay the parcel assessment. For example, the main shopping area where Dollar Tree and the post office are located is one parcel of land. The owner of the parcel would pay one parcel assessment. There appears to be several hundred additional parcels that would be included in this proposal plus the parcels that are under the POA now. That would increase the number of entities paying the assessment, thereby lowering the overall assessment per parcel. This assessment would be added to the annual property tax billing from Hancock County. The parcel assessment would be a

flat fee per parcel. The amount of the assessment would be determined by what specific amenities the POA voted to transfer to the city.

The City would set up an ENTERPRISE fund in the city accounting system for this. The funds collected from this parcel assessment would be restricted legally and could only be used for Parks and Recreation. These funds cannot be co-mingled with city general funds.

All information and meetings related to the Parks and Recreation Department would be subject to open meetings laws and public records requests. All budgets and expenditures would be public records.

If the Local and Private legislation passes, this pro-

posal would have to be voted on and receive a favorable vote from the residents.

State law would also allow the City to deal with non-payment of a parcel assessment in a much more effective way than the POA can deal with non-payment of POA dues.

The following is a brief time line of what has to be done.

A unanimous vote by the City Council is needed to request the local and private legislation. The state legislature in now in session and it will be difficult to pass this legislation this year. That means that the proposal would probably be considered by the legislature in 2020. If passed, the POA could then vote to transfer some/all of the amenities to the City. Then

a municipal election would have to be held that requires a favorable vote by our residents. All of this would have to occur in a relatively short time frame so that the first assessment could be added by the Hancock County Assessor to the 2020 tax bill if the POA starts to lose the abil-

ity to fund the amenities.

In my opinion, this is an excellent fall back solution to the possible loss of the POA's ability to maintain the amenities that we now have.

Ernie Knobloch

Trump

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Museum as well as events at Delta State University.

Three buildings in the 11-building complex are nearly complete and five more are currently under construction. There will be a three-acre greenspace that can host a 7,000-person concert.

They also plan to form the Chawla Hospitality Academy at Coahoma Community College near Clarksdale to train students for all aspects of the hotel industry.

Chawla Hotels owns 17 hotels in the Delta. It was founded by V.K. Chawla, who passed away in 2015. His two sons, Dinesh and Suresh, are carrying on their father's dream. The family is an amazing success story personifying the American Dream.

In 1960, V.K. Chawla left India where he had been living in an internment camp as a refugee for nine years after the execution of his father and two brothers in a religious war. He moved to Germany where he received a PhD in environmental sciences. In 1964, he moved to Canada where he worked for the government.

In 1977 he moved his family to Greenwood and eventually opened Jackies Food Center and a fried

chicken restaurant that he and his wife Chander ran from 1977 to 1992. In 1989 they opened their first hotel, the former Comfort Inn of Greenwood. The company would eventually own and operate 17 hotels in the Mississippi Delta, employing more than 300 people.

The Emmerichs and the Chawlas go way back. As Suresh says, "Your father gave my father his first job in Greenwood and your mother gave my mother her first job as well."

The Trump-Chawla connection began in 1988 when V.K. Chawla boldly called Trump on the phone seeking funding. to everyone's surprise Trump called back.

V.K. proceeded to tell Trump that he had this bold idea to build first-class hotel accommodations in one of the poorest regions of the country, the Mississippi Delta. V.K. admitted to Trump he had been turned down by every bank all over the South that he had applied with.

He went into great detail about how he had emigrated to this county in 1977 and all he was trying to do to work his way up and be a successful entrepreneur like Trump. He asked Mr. Trump if Trump would loan him \$425,000 to build his first hotel.

Trump declined to invest, but said V.K.'s story of coming to America was wonderful and he should be proud of his success. Trump suggested seeking

alternative financing. They talked for nearly 10 minutes.

The conversation inspired V.K. to seek a Small Business Administration loan. It was the start of a tremendous success story.

Fast forward to December 2016 when Suresh and Dinesh announced plans for a full-service hotel in Cleveland.

Trump was planning a campaign stop in Jackson and Gov. Phil Bryant, an ardent Trump supporter, urged Suresh to be there.

The governor introduced Suresh to Trump, listened to the Chawlas' latest project and encouraged him to "think grand."

The Chawlas nearly doubled the scope of the plan – to \$15 million.

The Trump organization, which was being run by the president's sons, reached out to the Chawlas.

After three months of negotiations, they formed a partnership to form a new luxury hotel chain, the first three of which would be existing Chawla hotels that would be converted to the new brand.

The story had come full circle.

Last week Suresh called me and urged me to join a conference call with Donald Jr., Suresh, Scott Coopwood with the Delta Business Journal, and Jack Weatherly with the Mississippi Business Journal. Suresh was seeking my help in getting the

word out that the Trumps' withdrawal was political, not economic.

Donald Jr. went overboard praising the Chawlas and the Cleveland project. But his father is under constant scrutiny about every business dealing and their family ventures had to be secondary to the presidency.

Interestingly enough, the Chawlas are not the only Indian immigrant family that my family is close to. Doc Sethi fled India's religious strife in 1968 and started over in Greenwood.

He and his wife Raksha became dear friends of my parents.

Their children Sunny Sethi and Monica Sethi Harrigill now help oversee 1,500 employees in the family hotel and food services company, Jackie's International.

Another daughter, Manisha Sethi, is a popular Ridgeland internal medicine physician.

The Chawlas and the Sethis have made Mississippi a better place. Their success is why the United States should expand legal immigration and welcome ambitious people from around the world who hope to make better lives for themselves and their families. This is especially true now that declining birth rates will cause U.S. population declines without outside immigration.

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Obituaries

FREIDA FEIGEL
MYRON LUTHER MYERS II
DOCTOR JOHN “J.D.” DAVID RUTHERFORD, III
HENRY FERDINAND SCHWARTZ, IV

FREIDA FEIGEL

Freida Feigel, age 73, affectionately known as ‘Granny’, passed away on February 25, 2019 in Gulfport, MS, surrounded by family. She was a resident of Bay St. Louis, and had lived in Diamondhead for the last five years. She was born in Shelby, NC to James and Esther Dover and attended Crest High School in Cleveland County, NC.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Betty Davis; and one brother, Randy Dover.

She is survived by her three children, Angie Crawford (Bryan) of Diamondhead, Michael Johnson (Delana) of Lake, MS, Chris Johnson



(Megan) of Shelby, NC; two step-sons, Jack Feigel (Melissa) of Bay St. Louis, Jamie Feigel (Tracy) of Bay St. Louis; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer Piazza (Chandler), Jake Crawford (Ashley), Joe Crawford, Leann Campbell, Brittany Johnson, Ariel Johnson, Troy Johnson, Brittany Feigel, Jamie Reid, Taylor Feigel, and Ty Feigel; seven great-grandchildren, Jaxon Piazza, Mason

Piazza, Dawson Piazza, Jayden McDowell, Alyssa McDowell, Corey Ellis, Mason Ellis; one great-granddaughter on-the-way, Olivia Piazza; siblings, Kay Neisler (Chuck), Patsy Jones, Jerry Dover (Judy), Kathy Auton, Lonnie Dover; and a brother-in-law, Wade Davis.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on her birthday, April 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Clermont Harbor United Methodist Church.

RIEMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 9113 Kiln DeLisle Rd. Pass Christian is serving the family.

An online obituary may be viewed and condolences shared at www.riemann-family.com

MYRON LUTHER MYERS II

Myron Luther Myers II, passed on to our Lord on February 13, 2019. Myron was born in Gulfport, MS on October 5, 1967. He joins his mother, Alma June Myers, sister Beth Elaine Myers and brother Franklin Nicholas (Nick) Myers.

He is survived by his father Myron Lemuel Myers, step mother Ann Westendorf Myers, brother-in-law, Fred and sister, Cassie Breland, brother, Mark and sister-in-law, Liane Myers, uncle, Billy Joe (BJ) Myers and many nieces and

nephews. Myron was a long time resident at South Mississippi Regional Center (SMRC) in Long Beach, MS.

A private service will be held at the Lutheran Church on the Pines in Waveland, MS; interment will be beside his mother and sister at the National Cemetery in Biloxi, MS

The family would like to thank and appreciates the staff at SMRC for the care given to Myron over the many years.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

DR. JOHN “J.D.” DAVID RUTHERFORD, III

Doctor John “J.D.” David Rutherford, III, 74, of Bay St. Louis, MS entered eternal rest Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at his home in Bay St. Louis, MS, surrounded by family and friends.

J.D. was born on October 27, 1944 and was a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a devout Catholic and enjoyed attending mass at his beloved Our Lady of the Gulf Church. From the age of five years old, J.D. knew that he wanted to be a doctor, and serve the people of Hancock County. J.D. was a 1962 Bay High School graduate and attended the University of Southern Mississippi from 1962-1965 studying pre-medicine. An early entry program allowed him to enter the University of Mississippi Medical School. While in medical school J.D. married the love of his life, childhood sweetheart, Geraldine Kidd on August 20, 1966. Dr. Rutherford completed his internship at St. Elizabeth Medical center in Dayton, Ohio. After the completion of his internship in 1970, J.D. and Geraldine moved back to Bay St. Louis, where he entered into family practice medicine.

Although family medicine was very rewarding, J.D. aspired to further his education by pursuing a residency in pathology. J.D.’s residency in anatomic pathology was completed at the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson while he, also, completed a residency in clinical pathology at Louisiana State University School of Medicine at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. J.D. moonlighted as an Emergency Room doctor for Hancock Medical Center during his pathology residency and after its completion. He also practiced family medicine with Dr. Sydney Chevis in Bay St. Louis, MS. He later went on to open his own private pathology lab, Gulf Coast Pathology. Eventually Hancock Medical Center grew large enough to need a full time pathologist. It was then that J.D. would close his personal practice and officially become the pathologist for HMC where he served for 17 years. He was on the staff with HMC for a total of 38 years. During his capacity he performed the duties of vice chief of staff and had multi-



ple terms as chief of staff. In addition he chaired the Tissue and Transfusion Committee from 1978-1996, the Infectious Disease Committee, and the Environmental Safety Committee. As medical director of the HMC blood bank, he was a strong proponent of volunteer blood donation. J.D. was on the teaching faculty at the University of Mississippi and Louisiana State University where he taught pathology to medical and dental hygiene students. J.D. was dedicated in providing personal care to the citizens of Hancock County for decades. He profoundly made a positive impact on the lives of many people throughout the years of his service, and he was a valuable asset to the medical community. J.D. played a vital role in helping patients to understand their medical needs and empowered them with the knowledge required to be active participants in the management of their health care. He was instrumental in sharing his knowledge with those fortunate enough to work along side him. On September 5th, 2014 Hancock Medical Center Foundation recognized J.D. as their honoree at Moonlight on the Bay for his dedication to the hospital.

Besides being an accomplished physician, J.D. was very active in the community. He is a former member of Bay Catholic and Our Lady Academy School Boards. He was on the Finance Committee and Land Acquisition and Development Committee of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. J.D. thoroughly enjoyed his time volunteering for the Crab Festival; he was especially proud to watch it grow year after year. J.D. was an avid youth sports fan; he spent countless hours as a coach and mentor to the youth of the community. He enjoyed being team doctor for Saint Stanislaus and Bay High School football teams as well as the Our Lady Academy soccer team. He particularly enjoyed cheering on his own children and grandchildren as they participated and excelled in multiple sporting activities. J.D. was an avid out-

doorsman. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, but he especially loved birdwatching. His appreciation for the great outdoors was nothing compared to the love he had for his family. There is no doubt that J.D. was the greatest husband, father, and “Pops”, to his family. His dedication to them, his friends, and his community is unmatched.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rosemary Rutherford; two brothers, Jimmy Rutherford and Jeffery Rutherford; father-in-law, Lucien Kidd and brother-in-law, Anthony Moran.

He is survived by his wonderful and loving wife, Geraldine Kidd Rutherford of Bay St. Louis, MS; son, John David Rutherford IV and his wife Jami of Bay St. Louis, MS; two daughters, Julie Aileen Rutherford Cook and her husband Evan of Bay St. Louis, MS, and Jill Ashlie Rutherford of Hattiesburg, MS; two sisters, Jeanie R. Moran and Jan M. Rutherford of Bay St. Louis, MS; mother-in-law, Beryl Kidd of Bay St. Louis, MS; sister-in-laws, Cindy Rutherford of Waveland, MS and Peggy Rutherford of Bay St. Louis, MS; six grandchildren, Mark Thomas Cook, John David Rutherford V, Seth Evans Cook, James Anthony Rutherford, Jeremiah Fitch Rutherford and Leah Ashlie Cook and numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend a special thank you to staff at St. Joseph Hospice, particularly Felicia and Katherine. We would also like to thank our private sitters: Sherrie Hall and Dale Scafidi for the excellent care they provided to J.D. through the end stages of Alzheimer’s disease.

Services will be held at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center with Pastor Michael O’Conner as officiant on Monday, March 4, 2019. Visitation will be at 10:00 until 12:00 with a funeral mass following. Entombment to follow at St. Mary’s cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family’s Walk to End Alzheimer’s team, “J.D.’s Forget-Me-Nots”, through the Alzheimer’s Association Mississippi Chapter, 207 West Jackson Street, Suite 1, Ridgeland, MS 39157 or Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS.

HENRY FERDINAND SCHWARTZ, IV

Henry Ferdinand Schwartz, IV, 57, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Thursday, February 28, 2019 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Ferdinand Schwartz, III; mother, Jean Cox Schwartz and brother, David Schwartz.

He is survived by his three sons, Michael Sones, Joshua Sones and David Sones; brother, Lanny Schwartz, Sr. (Kelly) of Kiln, MS, Leo Schwartz (Michele) of Carriere, MS and James Schwartz of Bay St. Louis, MS; sister, Jennifer Schwartz and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon with a prayer serv-

ice at 12:00 noon. Burial to follow at Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.



Authors and Characters

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Peter Sullivan is the next author for the Authors & Characters @ Your Library program on Tuesday, March 12, at 11:45 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. He will be discussing his novel, Paddy O’Neil’s Trunk.

Peter worked for many years as a psychotherapist and was an adjunct professor in the social work program at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He has published short stories in a variety of publications including the online journal Hektoen International. He won the University of Rochester “Human Values

in Health Care Award, Best Creative Work” in 2008 and 2011.

His novel was published in 2016 by Borealis Press. The book describes one family’s search to understand its past, including: escaping the Irish famine, settling in Canada and relocating to the States. It is a story of remembrance and homecoming, loosely based on the author’s genealogical research of his family. Peter and his wife have lived in Bay St. Louis since 2013.

Lunch is available for \$10, payable to The Library Foundation at the door. Reservations are required, and copies of the book will be available for purchase. To make your reservation, call (228)467-

PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE INCREASE FOR CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD RESIDENTS

Public notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Mississippi, the City of Diamondhead Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on its proposed increase to the solid waste collection fees. The proposed annual fee will increase from \$126.48 to an amount not to exceed \$174.48 per household. The proposed \$48.00 annual increase represents a 38% increase and will become effective April 1, 2019. The FY19 Budget for Solid Waste Collections currently projects revenue of \$462,000 and the proposed increase will generate an estimated \$53,608 or 12% in additional revenue for a total estimated FY19 Solid Waste Revenue of \$515,608. The proposed fee is necessary because the City has not increased this fee since 2013. Since 2013, there has been an annual CPI increase of 2.5% on average and the cost of bulky waste was added in 2017. In order to maintain the same level of services for our residents, this increase is required. All citizens of the City of Diamondhead are invited to attend this public hearing and City Council meeting and will be afforded the opportunity to speak for a reasonable amount of time and to offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken on the proposed solid waste collection fee increase.

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Bay blanks St. Patrick 7-0 on diamond

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The area was finally able to get some games in on Tuesday evening before the rains hit again on Thursday afternoon. Despite soggy outfields and sticky clay base paths, the games must go on!

Baseball

The Bay High Tigers (1-1) blanked the St. Patrick Irish 7-0 behind the live arm of Garrett Langrell.

Langrell, a 6'5" transfer from New Mexico who is committed to Jones County Junior College, threw a complete game to get the win on the mound.

In the performance, he threw 100 pitches and fanned 13 batters while scattering four hits and four walks. In 11 innings pitched this season, Langrell has yet to surrender a run.

Twice, Langrell pitched the Tigers out of a bases loaded situation to preserve the shutout.

Bay High head coach Kevin Burdine commented, "Tonight was an outstanding pitching performance by Garrett Langrell. He pitched himself out of bases loaded situations twice and kept St. Patrick off balance. We were able to scratch some runs across

early and then put together a solid sixth inning for some insurance. We are young in some key areas and we are going to get these young players as many innings as possible before division starts."

The Tigers mowed down the Irish three up three down in the first and were not able to get anything going at the plate in the bottom half.

St. Patrick ended the no-hit bid with a stand-up double to lead off the second. The Irish put "ducks on the pond" with a single and a walk with just one out. However, Langrell fanned the next two batters with secondary pitches to thwart the Irish at the plate.

In the bottom of the third, the Tigers got going when Carson Moran doubled to left-centerfield followed by a Lawrence Peterson walk. Langrell was hit by a pitch to load the bases before Cade Compretta hit an RBI sacrifice fly to score Moran. Cooper Cooksey drove in a second run to push the score to 2-0 before the Irish closed the inning.

Despite a double in the top of the fourth, the Irish were not able to touch the plate.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Irish put two batters on with a walk and a double before Bay High recorded two outs.

The Tigers gave an intentional walk to load the bases before Langrell displayed perfect placement with three consecutive sliders to fan the batter and retire the side with three runners left on base.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Tigers sent 10 batters to the plate and scored five runs that put the game out of reach.

Langrell was hit by a pitch followed by a single by Compretta. Ben Wilemon hit a two-run single followed by Charlie Cook advancing on a hit by pitch. Eli Bigham beat out a two-run infield single that was assisted by the pitcher hitting Bigham in the head on the throw. Saltalamacchia added a single before Moran had an RBI single that pushed the score to 7-0.

Langrell fanned the first two batters before forcing a ground out to second base to wrap up the game.

Also on Tuesday, the Hancock Hawks dropped their game with West Harrison 6-2 on the road.

After the fourth inning, the scored was knotted at 2-2 before the Hurricanes blew four runs across the plate in the bottom of the fifth for the win.

In the game, Blaine Knight had a double and RBI and Colton Cuevas had a single and RBI. Russell Frank, Lane

Ladner, Colby Oliver and Nate Hoda all added hits for Hancock.

The Pass Christian Pirates and the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws did not play on Tuesday.

In upcoming action, the Tigers are hosting Hattiesburg today and Stone on Thursday, March 7th. The Hawks are playing Poplarville at PRCC today and traveling to d'Iberville on Tuesday, March 5th. The Pirates are hosting Gautier today and traveling to Picayune on Tuesday. The Rocks are playing in the Sumrall tournament today and traveling to Gautier on Friday, March 8th. See you at the games.

Softball

The Bay High Lady Tigers (0-2) dropped their game with West Harrison last Friday 6-0. In the game, Lizzie Weems had a single and Annlyssa Richardson had two singles.

Gracie Adkins threw four innings and scattered four hits and fanned seven batters.

On Tuesday, the Lady Tigers fell 5-4 to Biloxi at home.

Weems was perfect at the plate going 4-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Domonique Cole, Aubrey Smith, Richardson and McKenzie Favre all had

singles.

Weems threw five innings allowing nine hits and striking out 10 batters.

The Hancock Lady Hawks (0-1) fell 12-3 to Long Beach allowing nine hits to their five and committing two errors.

In upcoming action, the Lady Tigers host East

Central on Thursday and the Lady Hawks are set to play in the Harrison County tournament Tuesday through Saturday. The Lady Pirates will host Biloxi on Thursday and the Crescents will travel to Perry Central on Friday. See you at the games!



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For the last several years I've been fishing in the Bay for Mardi Gras weekend, and on Fat Tuesday.

One of my fondest memories is having the Mardi Gras floats go over us, while we are fishing the Bay Bridge. Sometimes we hear em in the wee hours of the morning, heading to set up for the parades.

You definitely hear them when they are heading back, after the parades. The people on the floats are all cheering, signing and yelling.

The music is always blaring full blast. Dead serious, you can literally hear these party people a mile away.

Part of me is always sad I'm not in the middle of the madness, and part of me is glad I'm on a boat...

During Mardi Grad, you just gotta expect some traffic jams, and seeing some rather "interesting" people.

It's all part of living here on the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast. So if you're on the boat, go



SHORE THING FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Sonny Schindler

catch some fish! better yet, join the party and go catch some beads!!!

As always, Have fun and be safe.



GAMES ON TAP THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

- Baseball: Bay High vs Hattiesburg, Home, 3 p.m.
- Baseball: Hancock vs Poplarville at PRCC, TBD
- Baseball: St. Stanislaus vs TBD, TBD (Sumrall Tournament)

TUESDAY

- Baseball: Hancock at d'Iberville, 7 p.m.
- Softball: Hancock at Harrison County Tournament, TBD
- Baseball: Pass Christian at Picayune, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Softball: Hancock at Harrison County Tournament, TBD

Parade

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The Krewe of Diamondhead parade is scheduled to begin today, March 2, at noon. However, the forecast calls for rain, so that may affect the schedule.

State Sen. Philip Moran is the grand marshal for this year's parade, which will begin on Gex Drive,

taking a left on Aloha Drive, to Kalani Drive, and right on Golf Club Drive. This year's royal court includes King Ron Rhoades, Queen Dinah Rhoades, Duke Henry Majors, Maid Penny Majors, Duke John Kirschenbaum, Maid Renee Kirschenbaum, Duke Darryl Davis, Maid Judy Davis.

This Sunday, March 3, the St. Paul Carnival Association will host its

88th annual parade in the Pass, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Again, there's rain in the forecast, which may affect the schedule. The parade starts at the corner of Davis Avenue and Second Street, proceeds to Scenic Drive turns west to Henderson Avenue, North to St. Louis, east to Church Street, south to Second Street, east on Second to Davis Avenue. This year's royalty includes King Christian LXXXIV Joseph

Frank Niolet and Queen Christiana 2019 Shelley Hanson.

On Monday, March 4, the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse (MKOTSH) will host its sixth annual Lundi Gras parade in downtown Bay St. Louis, starting at 5 p.m. The parade will begin at the historic Depot grounds, turning up Booker Street, traveling to Nacaise Avenue, to Main Street, turning left on Second Street to

deMontluzin, right on Beach Boulevard, then right again on Main, ending at Cue Street. There will only be one official stop on the parade route, at the Ugly Pirate, for a toast to King Henry Winters and Queen Kay Kell.

The theme of this year's Seahorse parade is MKOTSH Journey Under the Sea. Pirate costumes are encouraged.

On Fat Tuesday, March 5, the Krewe of

Real People -- Next Generation" will wrap up the Carnival season, beginning its parade on Old Town Bay St. Louis at 1p.m. The parade will follow the traditional route, beginning at Nacaise Avenue, turning right on Main Street to Beach Boulevard, turning right on the beach, then right on Union Street; taking Union to Blaize to Sycamore Street, finishing up at Booker Street.



Photos by Geoff Belcher

More scenes for Holy Trinity's parade.

Rail

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huge boon for Bay St. Louis, bringing two trains a day in from New Orleans, and two trains a day in from Mobile.

"You could to a day in-and-out of New Orleans to the Bay or Mobile, or vice versa," he said. "There are at least 700,000 foreign visitors a year in New Orleans, and that's not counting the millions of conventioners every year. They might not rent a car and drive all the way to the Bay, but they'll walk a block or two down to the train station for a nice day trip.

"All of the work's been done by already by all of the people who worked so hard to get the city back better than it was before (Katrin). You look at the investment that's been made in downtown Bay St. Louis, it's probably the hottest real estate on the Coast right now. This is sort of the icing on the cake, to us."

The SRC conducted a business meeting at the Longfellow Community Center in Bay St. Louis on Friday.

John Spain, SRC chairman, on Friday praised the city of Bay St. Louis and Mayor Mike Favre, telling Favre that the huge welcome the Bay offered representatives on the 2016 tour was one of the main reasons the project got the green light in the first place.

Spain and SRC Commissioner John Robert Smith outlined some of the behind-the-scenes work that has gone on to help make the project a reality.

"Sen. Roger Wicker has been our champion," Spain said. Wicker was instrumental in securing the Consolidated Rail Safety Infrastructure Initiative, which provided federal grants to upgrade existing rail lines for passenger service.

Amtrak itself also put up a \$6 million investment, Spain said, as well as hiring a third-party negotiator to work with CSX to get everything in place.

Smith said an economic impact study indicated that the passenger service would yield a 15-1 return on investment

Spain said everyone on the Coast needs to let their legislators know they should be behind the project.

"From a Coastal perspective," Spain said, "your legislature needs to know you what it done. They just need to hear from



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Bay Town Inn owner Nikki Moon, Southern Rail Commission Vice-Chairman Knox Ross and Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre.

the local people what you want. They are ready to act, I believe."

Favre said the Bay St. Louis city government and Hancock County Board of Supervisors are expected to invest \$50,000

each in upgrading the existing BSL Depot to make it ADA-compliant for train passengers. He said both bodies were scheduled to vote on that funding next week.

Homecoming

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Photos by Cassandra Favre

At left, Sgt. Brandon Normand and his daughter Emma. At right, NBE Principal Jeremy Weir presents Sgt. Normand with flag art.

Seahorse

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Meteorology and Oceanography Center in Monterey.

Personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and various personal, campaign and service awards.

GRAND MARSHALL 2 - Bio - Gametime Saint (Donald Silicio)

Official Superfan of The Who Dat Nation. Represents the New Orleans Saints at every home game and nearly all road games. You probably have seen him on TV cheering on the Saints on the front row behind the players bench. Dressed in a full Saints uniform complete with black and gold face paint and a custom helmet "Gametime" is a fan at another level. Inducted into Professional Football's Ultimate Fan Association in 2015 at Pro Football's Hall of Fame in Canton, OH. In 2016, featured in NFL Network's "Tackle My Ride" and had his 1966 Mustang transformed into the ultimate Saints car. He was selected by Saints players because of his

involvement and impact he has made in the community. Involved in numerous charities including Steve Gleason's Foundation "No White Flags and Thomas Morestead's "What you give will grow." He started his own Foundation "The Gametime Experience" in 2017 that provides the ultimate Saint's fan experience to a child and his or her family dealing with terminal illness or lifelong disability. Heavily involved in youth athletics, he also coaches youth football and basketball.



The 6th annual Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse parade rolls Monday, March 4th at 5pm beginning at the Depot. Presiding over the festivities will be Queen Tethys Kay Kell and King Oceanus Henry Winters.

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Our Lady Academy students place among the top in the Gail Keenan Art Exhibit

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A total of four art students who attend Our Lady Academy (OLA) were accepted in the juried art exhibition at the Gail Keenan Art Center at Coast Episcopal School. The students entered through their school or private art programs. The exhibition showcased nominated student works from South Mississippi high schools. The OLA students exhibited in the show were Taylor Wypyski, Kaylee Hardenstein, Lillie Lawhead, and Isabelle Gelpi. Freshman, Taylor Wypyski won 1st Place and Senior, Isabelle Gelpi won 2nd Place.

Both Taylor and Isabelle study advanced art at OLA, under the instruction of Karli Corr, and at the Blue House youth art program under the instruction of Ann Adele Blackledge.

The OLA students' work, along with the works from other schools in South Mississippi, will be exhibited at the Gail Keenan Art Center until March 1, 2019.



Photo courtesy of OLA

OLA students selected to participate in the Art Exhibit: Lillie Lawhead, Isabelle Gelpi, Taylor Wypyski and Kaylee Hardenstein.



Photo courtesy of OLA

Taylor Wypyski won First Place Overall.



Photo courtesy of OLA

Isabelle Gelpi won Second Place Overall.

PCES Hosts a Parent Academy



On Tuesday, February 5th, Pass Christian Elementary School hosted a Parent Academy night with a focus on math standards. Parents and students participated in different math games that can easily be used at home as study and learn strategies. Parents were also able to view the science fair projects and visit the book fair. Great things are happening at PCES! "Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents with high expectation."

2019 Leadership Class visits the Mississippi Capitol

SEA COAST ECHO

The Hancock Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA) High School Program Class of 2019 recently embarked on a tour across the state to team-build, learn more about formal leadership and government, and to get a glimpse of higher education in the state.

The 2019 HYLA High School Class is comprised of twenty-four high school juniors from Hancock County who represent all four area schools. On Sunday, February 10, 2019, the group traveled to the Garaywa Camp and Conference Center in Clinton, Mississippi, where they participated in a ropes course, sponsored by Pet Haven Veterinary Hospital, which focused on team-building and effective leadership through self-awareness and respect for the contributions of others. The adventure ended with a bonfire and lodging at the conference center, before the next full day of the trip

began. Mississippi College in Clinton was the first stop of the day for the young leaders that included a delicious breakfast and tour of the beautiful campus. From there, they travelled to Millsaps College in Jackson where the administration welcomed students with a campus tour and provided lunch.

The students then embarked on a full afternoon beginning with a visit to the State Capitol where they were greeted by Secretary of State, Delbert Hosemann. From there, they were taken on a tour of the beautiful capitol, which included a stop in both the House and Senate Chambers. Governor Phil Bryant welcomed the students to his office and to their capitol before the students met with The Speaker of the House, Phillip Gunn, Representatives David Baria (District 122), Timmy Ladner (District 93), Patricia Willis (District 95) and Senator Phillip Moran (District 46)

who explained the legislative process and answered questions regarding the current status of bills in the Mississippi Legislature.

Before rounding out a very full two days of team building, civic education, and engagement with state leadership institutions, students visited the Supreme Court, and met with Honorable Anthony Lawrence to learn about the inner workings of the state's judicial system.

The Hancock Youth Leadership Academy is the first and only county-wide youth leadership program in Hancock County, and is a program of The Hancock Resource Center. Moving forward, local community sponsorships are needed. Please consider sponsoring a session or making a general donation to support the ongoing operation of the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy. Invest in Hancock County's future by cultivating its next generation of leaders: visit www.hancockhrc.org or call 228-463-8887 to learn how.



Photo submitted

Hancock Youth Leadership students are pictured with Representatives Timmy Ladner, Patricia Willis, David Baria and Senator Philip Moran. First Row: (Left to Right) Karina Alarcon (Bay High), Allie DuPont (Bay High), Bre Hayes (Bay High), Casey Lee (Hancock), Hannah Davis (Hancock), Sydney Hotard (OLA), and Cameron Benzing (OLA). 2nd Row: Dianna Dardar (Bay High), Sophia Compretta (OLA), Kaitlyn Mills (Bay High), Brennan Toepfer (Saint Stanislaus), and Tommy Gilbert (Hancock). 3rd Row: Daniela Cruz (OLA), Lindsey Magee (Hancock), Jackson Maillho (Saint Stanislaus), and Chelsea Smith (Hancock). 4th Row: Allen Chatelain (Hancock), Jobie Smith (Hancock), Joe Lawson (Saint Stanislaus), and Reid Pierce (Bay High) 5th Row: Kyle Capo (Saint Stanislaus), Josh Cothen (Bay High), and Drew West (Saint Stanislaus).

West Hancock Elementary Quest visited legislators during “Gifted Day at the Capitol”



West Hancock Elementary Quest, 2nd through 5th grade class, visited the Capitol during “Gifted Day at the Capitol,” and spoke with Senator Philip Moran and Representative Timmy Ladner and Representative Patricia Willis, as teacher Keri Bozant looked on.

The 4th grade Gifted Class of Pass Christian School District and DeLisle Elementary School visited the Capitol



The 4th grade Gifted classes of Pass Christian Elementary School and DeLisle Elementary School visited the Capitol on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, and spoke with Senator Philip Moran during their tour.



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Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann discusses the \$25 million dollar suit filed earlier that morning against the federal government claiming the Old River Control Structure in Louisiana has damaged Mississippi lands.

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A Taste of Cuba in South Mississippi

**BY LINDA BIGLER
CONTRIBUTING
WRITER**

Cuban culinary history is a mixture of Spanish and African cultures. The food is delicious and while similar to other islands in the Caribbean, it also has its own unique way of preparing food from that region.

Plantains are a staple of the Cuban diet and can be served at almost any meal. They resemble bananas, but are larger, firmer, and usually green. Bananas cannot be used as a substitute for plantains.

FRIED SWEET PLANTAINS

2 ripe plantains
One half cup olive oil
Salt or sugar to taste, some like them salty, others sweet

Choose ripened plantains, they will have large dark spots on them and feel a little soft. Carefully peel and slice into one inch diagonal slices.

In a medium skillet over medium high heat, heat the olive oil and add plantain slices. Fry until golden brown on both sides. Remove from skillet and drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with salt or sugar and serve warm.

Serves 4 to 6

This next recipe is a great Lenten dish because it is cooked without meat. Be sure to soak the beans overnight.

FRIJOLES NEGROS BLACK BEANS

1 pound black beans, sometimes called turtle beans
3 quarts water
1 large onion, chopped
3 green peppers,

chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
One half cup extra virgin olive oil
2 whole bay leaves
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Wash the beans well, place in a large pot (at least 5 quarts) add the 3 quarts of water, and soak overnight.

The next day, in the same water, bring the beans to a boil, add the remaining ingredients. Lower to a simmer and cook for at least three hours or until the beans are tender and the liquid has thickened. Be sure to check the beans, stir, and add more water as needed. Check for seasoning. Serve over white rice with fried palatines, if desired.

Serves 6

The next dish is a Cuban sloppy Joe. It can

be served in toasted hamburger buns, over mashed potatoes, or rice.

PICADILLO

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pound lean ground beef
1 pound lean ground pork
2 medium onions, finely chopped
2 green peppers, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 – 15 ounce can crushed tomatoes
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
4 ounces dry red wine or beef broth

One half cup sliced pimento stuffed green olives
2 tablespoons capers
In a large skillet over medium heat, brown the meat in olive oil, then add the onions, green pepper,

and garlic. Stir constantly to break up the meat. Cook until vegetables have softened, about 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes, salt, pepper, and wine; stir well, lower heat, and cook for about an hour. Be sure to check periodically. Add the olives and capers, stir and serve.

Serves 8 to 10

While New Orleans has its poor boys, Cuba has its Cuban sandwiches. Cuban bread might be difficult to find, but a soft French style bread may be substituted. Please do not tell any of my Cuban relatives I suggested that. Authentic Cuban bread is usually baked with a palm leaf down the center.

CUBAN SANDWICH

1 and one half loaves of Cuban bread
Yellow mustard

Softened butter
12 ounces thinly sliced baked ham
8 ounces thinly sliced roasted pork
6 ounces thinly sliced Swiss cheese
4 ounces thinly sliced Italian salami
3 kosher dill pickles, sliced lengthwise

Slice the bread in six even pieces. Split lengthwise and spread the butter on the cut side top of the bread and spread the mustard on the cut side bottom of the bread. Evenly layer the reaming ingredients on the bottom of the prepared bread. Place the tops over the filled bottoms and wrap each sandwich in parchment or waxed paper. Just before serving, remove from paper and warm in a 350 degree oven for about 5 minutes.

Serves 6

Until next time; adios y comida feliz.

The Community CALENDAR



MARCH 4

• On Monday, March 4, the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will host its sixth annual Lundi Gras parade in downtown Bay St. Louis, starting at 5 p.m. The parade will begin at Bookter Street, traveling to Necaise Avenue, to Main Street, turning left on Second Street to deMontluzin, right on Beach Boulevard, then right again on Main, ending at Cue Street.

MARCH 5

• Krewe Of Real People The Next Generation Mardi Gras Parade: Tuesday, March 5, 2019, registration and line up will begin at 11am, with the parade starting promptly at 1 p.m. We welcome all those who want to participate! There is a \$25 Registration Fee. Please contact the following members for more information: Leo Hawkins (228) 261-8483 Deven Daniels (228)342-7639 laissez les bon temps rouler!

MARCH 7

• The Hancock County Republican Women's Club will meet Thursday, March 7, at the Diamondhead Country Club. There will be a "Meet N Greet" at 10:30 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Lunch is available through the Country Club.

MARCH 8

• St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis is hosting a Lenten Catfish Fry at the Spirit Center, located at 301 S. Necaise Ave. from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$10 catfish plate with potato salad, green beans, and cake. Eat in or take out and free deliveries.

MARCH 9

• The Biloxi Shuckers will host tryouts to perform the National Anthem on Saturday, March 9 at Edgewater Mall. Auditions will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. The Shuckers are seeking talented singers and musicians to perform the National Anthem for each of their 70 regular season home games at MGM Park. Those that wish to audition should come prepared to perform the entirety of 'The Star Spangled Banner.' Performances should be less than 90 seconds, and individual singers, instrumentalists and bands are welcome to audition. All performers with any questions can contact the Shuckers Front Office at 228-223-3465 or send an email to info@biloxishuckers.com.

MARCH 10

• The Silver Slipper presents Gal Holiday & The Honky Tonk Revue for a Honky Tonkin afternoon at the 100 Men Hall from noon to 4 p.m. Watch our mural being painted, pottery by the Mad Potter of Bay Saint Louis, and enjoy delicious eats by Chef Hayes and Pop Brothers. Tickets for Gal Holiday are \$15 in advance at https://the100menhall.com/products/12-a-honky-tonkin-afternoon-at-100-men-hall and \$20 at the door.
• The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre is hosting auditions for "Side Man," written by Warren Leight. He based the story on his real life experiences as the son of a jazz musician. The play was the winner for the 1999 Tony award for Best Play. Auditions today and March 11 at 6 p.m. The casting calls for five men and two women. For the men - please have a song ready to sing at auditions. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. All are welcome to audition. "Side Man" opens on May 16. Show dates are May 16, 17, 18 (2 shows), and 19. For more information, call 504-453-4888 or 228-467-9024.

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MARCH 15

• Gulfpex 2019 Postage Stamp Bourse & Exhibits: This year's theme: "A Celebration of Women" - focuses on achievements of women throughout history. Ten expert stamp and postal history dealers ready to buy, sell, and appraise stamps, collections, and postal history. Many stamp and postal history exhibits. Free stamps and stampin' fun for the kids. Come join us: St. Martin Community Center, 15008 Le Moyne Blvd., Biloxi, MS.,

March 15-16, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission free. For more information: gulfcoaststampclub.org; R. O'Dell 228-235-1506; A. Allegue 228-313-1240; M. Graczyk 228-235-7814.

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• Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will host the 11th annual Stella Yelling contest at 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Silver Slipper. One of the community's favorite tradition. Free to the community. Contestants are not limited to gender or age. Adult and children divisions. Each contestant should be prepared to give their best Stanley "Stella!" yell. Stanley and Stella are characters in Tennessee Williams' play "A Streetcar named Desire." Contestant fee is \$10. Contestants must register on site before 3:30 p.m. on March 16. In the adult division, first prize will be \$150 and a trophy, second prize is \$100, and third is \$50. In the children's division, first prize will be \$50 and a trophy, second prize is \$35, and third prize is \$25. For more details, call 228-467-9024 or visit www.bsllt.org.

MARCH 17

• The Waveland Civic Association will host its 2019 St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 17, beginning at 1 p.m. All floats will line up on Waveland Avenue by noon. The parade will begin on Waveland Avenue and go up to Central, then turn on Coleman Avenue and will then turn on to S. Beach Boulevard.

MARCH 21

• Bay St. Louis Little Theatre and Silver Slipper presents the 2019 Mississippi Writes Original. Experience one-act originals by Mississippi playwrights at 8 p.m. This is a show dedicated to original drama by Mississippi playwrights. Join us for the world premieres of six one-act plays written by Mississippians and performed for the first time. Experience comedy, drama, and clever twists. And as an added treat, the audience is invited to "Chat with the cast and writers" after the show while enjoying refreshments of cheese and wine.

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MARCH 23

• The Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum will host a Wild West Fundraiser, Ales & Rails, from 7-11 p.m. on March 23, at the Hollywood Warehouse, 3420 Giles Road in Gulfport. The event will feature local and regional breweries, including Lazy Magnolia. Activities will include a beer tasting, mechanical bull, silent auction, food, drinks and dancing. Costumes are encouraged. Live entertainment by the Tall Boys band. \$50 per person/\$75 per couple. Go to www.mcmmr.org to purchase tickets. Must be 21 and older to attend.
• Bay St. Louis Little Theatre and Silver Slipper presents the 2019 Mississippi Writes Original. Experience one-act originals by Mississippi playwrights at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. This is a show dedicated to original drama by Mississippi playwrights. Join us for the world premieres of six one-act plays written by Mississippians and performed for the first time. Experience comedy, drama, and clever twists. And as an added treat, the audience is invited to "Chat with the cast and writers" after the show while enjoying refreshments of cheese and wine. For more information, call 228-467-9024 or visit www.bsllt.org.
• The Bay-Waveland Garden Club will host its 2019 Spring Pilgrimage Home Tour on Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All of the properties on this year's tour are "under the oaks" as they all have registered live oak

trees (quercus virginiana) on them. The structures were situated so as to protect the trees while at the same time providing views of the trees from inside the venue. The tour will begin with Christ Episcopal Church as the featured church where maps and brochures can be obtained beginning at 11 a.m. The Tour is complimentary, and open to the public. For more information: 228-493-4358.

MARCH 24

• The St. Clare Seafood Festival will take place on May 24 - 26, 2019 (Memorial Day Weekend). The address is 236 S. Beach Blvd., Waveland. You can call 228-467-9275 with questions. We will have Art and Craft Vendors, food, amusement park rides, raffle, live bands and a classic car show.
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What's Behind Dog's Heavy Panting?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We have a large property of several acres, and I let our dog "Boomer," a big Labrador mix, run out there every day for at least an hour. Yesterday he came in panting very rapidly and drooling a bit, and looked agitated. He kept that up for over an hour before settling down. Boomer seems fine today, but what could have caused that rapid breathing? —Dan J., Bloomington, Indiana

DEAR DAN: Even though he's returned to normal, take Boomer to the veterinarian to be checked out, just to make sure there are no underlying issues.

It's normal for dogs to pant heavily after lots of exertion or on a hot day, but prolonged, heavy panting should catch your attention, especially if it's accompanied by other behaviors. The causes can be many: On hot days, heat exhaustion or heat stroke are a big concern. A neurological or heart problem could be the silent culprit. Or, Boomer could have gotten into something that's poisonous to him.

Write down all of the symptoms you noticed during his panting episode, and include the temperature that day, what you fed him, how much he ate and how much water he drank during the day. Take those notes to the vet with Boomer.

If no underlying chronic cause is found, the vet probably will recommend that you keep a watchful eye on Boomer for a few days and make sure he gets plenty of water to drink. I also recommend that you go with him on his next couple of romps to see where he typically roams, looking for plants, chemicals left unattended or anything that he could accidentally ingest.

Send your tips, questions and comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Charles West, DVM
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Animal Hospital Of Diamondhead
16840 KapaLama Rd • Diamondhead
255-4144

Matthew Moore, DVM
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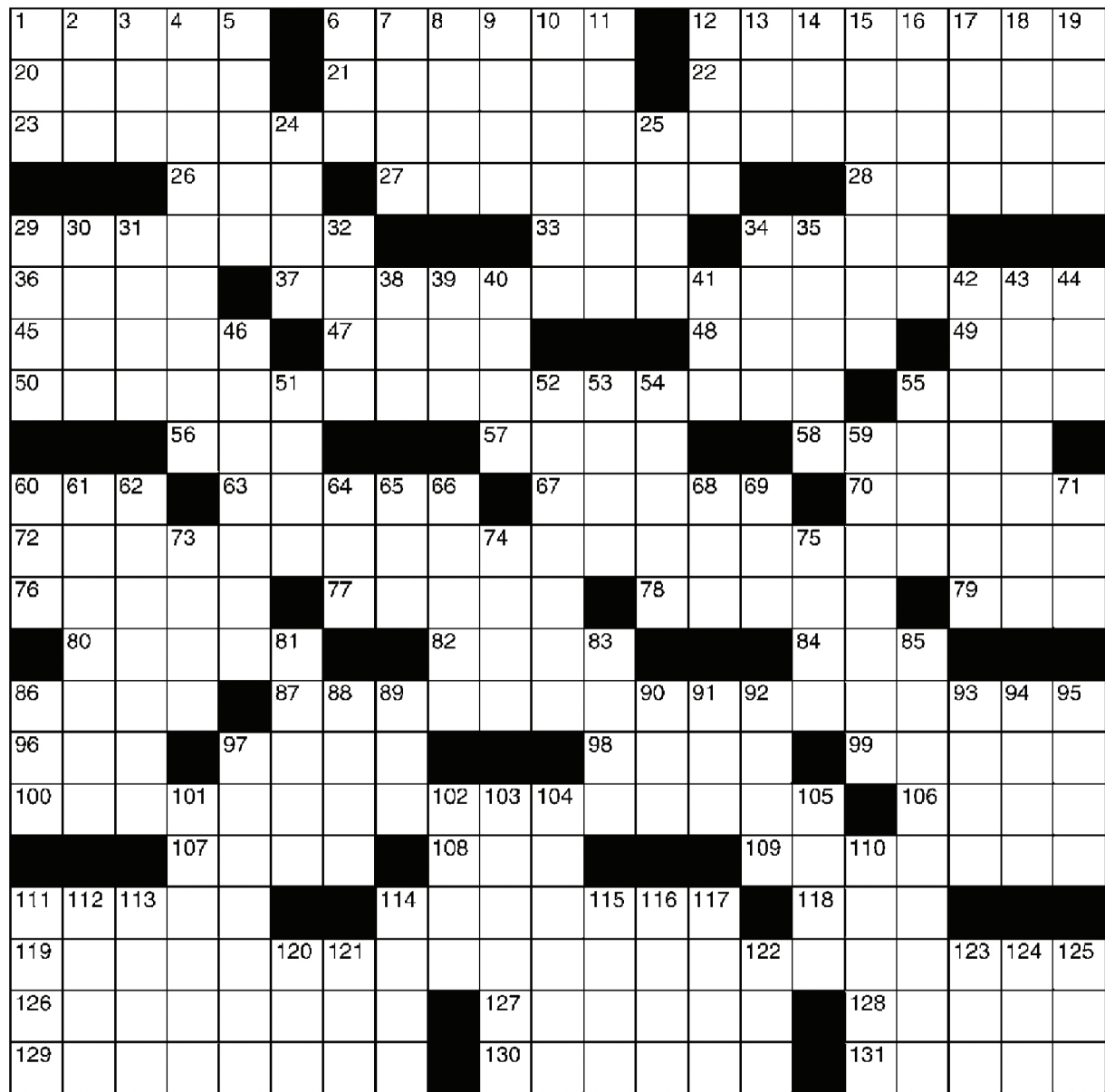


Moose is a stunningly handsome, 2 year old, Chocolate Labrador Retriever/American Staffordshire Terrier mix, who we just adore. He has the most gorgeous, golden eyes and a beautiful reddish brown coat. He is super sweet and is a favorite of the shelter staff and volunteers. He came into the shelter with a smaller dog who was recently adopted. So, now it is Moose's turn to find unconditional love and a home of his own. He is great with other friendly dogs, including small dogs, and he enjoys romping-n-playing with his doggie pals in our exercise yard. We are unsure of his training, but he does keep his kennel clean. He even sits for treats! Moose is not a big dog despite his name; we would describe him as a medium sized dog. If you are looking for a family pet, or a BFF, this awesome boy would be a wonderful addition to your family. Please come by the shelter at 7175 Texas Flat Rd, Kiln, to meet Moose in person. You are sure to be impressed by this loving, happy, beautiful dude. Call 466 4516 for more information, and visit our Facebook page, Hancock County Animal Shelter, MS, to see more pictures of Moose and the many other wonderful, adoptable animals looking for their forever homes.

Super Crossword

DELICACY BENEATH
THE SURFACE

- ACROSS**
1 Belgradians, e.g.
6 Head hair hides them
12 Aped
20 Irked a lot
21 Was released
22 In a mannerly manner
23 Start of a riddle
26 Myrna of "The Thin Man"
27 Seasons' first games
28 Cried feebly
29 Gives in (to)
33 PIN point
34 TV reporter Burnett
36 — Marian
37 Riddle, part 2
45 Currently airing
47 Like straight lines, for short
48 Recycling receptacles
49 Notable years
50 Riddle, part 3
55 Singer Levine
- 56 — Fridays (restaurant)
57 Dalai —
58 Freeze Away targets
60 Youth org.
63 Bitten at persistently
67 Penalized monetarily
70 Taunt
72 Riddle, part 4
76 Nero or Livy
77 Actress Eva
78 Actress Eva
79 Ar follower
80 Plane parts
82 Korbut of gymnastics
84 Fleur-de- —
86 Tick's cousin
87 Riddle, part 5
96 Stage decor
97 Champ's cry
98 Novelist Seton
99 "Ask, I might know the answer"
100 End of the riddle
106 Sword type
107 See 9-Down
108 Basketballer Ming
109 Gift from above
111 Test pilot's garb
- 114 Least dry
118 Surg. sites
119 Riddle's answer
126 More ready to hit the hay
127 Mexican or Guatemalan
128 Wall painting
129 Steed riders
130 Revises, as text
131 Messy types
- DOWN**
1 Toothed tool
2 King James Bible suffix
3 San Luis —, California
4 Really scolded
5 Rose to one's feet
6 Police rank: Abbr.
7 "It's Impossible" singer Perry
8 Over
9 With 107-Across, give in to despair
10 "The 25th Annual — County Spelling Bee"
11 Tampa Bay city, for short
12 Stock mkt. debuts
13 Floor cleaner
14 In bad health
15 Neckwear clasps
16 Make harmonious
17 Blue hue
18 Sommer of "The Oscar"
19 Like much blond hair
24 No, to Dmitri
25 Writer Bombeck
29 Love, to Nero or Livy
30 Walking stick
31 French "five"
32 Loafer, e.g.
34 Revise
35 Revive
38 With 113-Down, product's ultimate consumer
39 Vietnamese celebration
40 Hero type
41 Nets' org.
42 Form-filling
43 Millet, fescue and sorghum
44 Tuber often candied
46 Going gaga, with "out"
51 Wedding band
52 Lieutenant Geordi on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
53 Exclude
54 — Zone
55 Zone
59 Disbeliever in God
60 Exclude
61 Like a worse blizzard
62 Confess
64 Birth mo. for many Leos
65 Job-creating FDR agcy.
66 Big shot
68 LAX stat
69 Cannes' Palme —
71 Mag heads
73 Hamlet, e.g.
74 Ballot site
75 Takei's "Star Trek" role
81 Close with stitches
83 Way out
85 Full of tension
86 Soup flavor enhancer, for short
88 Over
89 Not Rep. or Dem.
90 Party card game
91 Lower Manhattan sch.
92 Turf toughs
93 Ballyhoo
94 "Preach it!"
95 Really mad, with "off"
97 Krypton-86, for one
101 Cries feebly
102 Gazing sort
103 Baby's toy
104 New York City moniker
105 Way out
110 Instruments with sticks
111 Lillian of silent films
112 French battle site of '44
113 See 38-Down
114 Threadbare
115 Suffix with sermon
116 Where the tibia is
117 Minister (to)
120 Tiny —
121 Tiny
122 Set- — (brief fights)
123 Swing to and —
124 Test center
125 Lofty rails



Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Bit of buckshot | — E — — — | Wooden platform | — A — — — |
| 2. Watch location | — R — — — | Old card game | — H — — — |
| 3. — monoxide | — — — B — | Milk container | — — — T — |
| 4. Trench | D — — — | Throw a baseball | P — — — |
| 5. Robust | — — — G — | Caress | — — — C — |
| 6. Larger | — I — — — | Grocery store worker | — A — — — |
| 7. Dog's rope | — — — — H | Smallest amount | — — — — T |
| 8. Unmarried | S — — — — | Prickly sensation | T — — — — |
| 9. Welcome | — — — — T | Wet behind the ears | — — — — N |
| 10. Hose down | — — T — — | Hesitate | — — V — — |

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

GOGDSABG AKWZJ JA TA

JIA JZLBWC GENZ TES

JZEJ ZG ZEJGC JA TA,

QKQJ XAD MDENJLNG.

— ILUULER QERGC

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Everyone ought to do
two things each day
that he hates to do,
just for practice.
— William James

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene
Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

X I B U T I P V M E Z P V E P J G Z P V

C S F B L B U P P U I X I J M F G M P T T J O H ?

G J Y J U X J U I U P P U I Q B T U F.

What should you do if you
break a tooth while flossing?
Fix it with tooth paste.

Answer



Answers

Even Exchange

answers

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Pellet, Pallet | 6. Bigger, Bagger |
| 2. Wrist, Whist | 7. Leash, Least |
| 3. Carbon, Carton | 8. Single, Tingle |
| 4. Ditch, Pitch | 9. Greet, Green |
| 5. Tough, Touch | 10. Water, Waver |

RIDDLE CARD



- When does a boat show affection?
- Why do lazy boys have to go to school?
- If a poor man found a dollar in every pocket of his pants, what would he probably have?
- Why is a coward like a leaky faucet?

Answers: 1. When it hugs the shore. 2. Because the school won't come to them. 3. Somebody else's pants. 4. Because they both run.

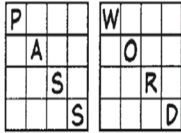
SEE IF YOU CAN make this math expression correct by adding four plus signs between certain numbers:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7=100

Answers: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 100 or 1 + 23 + 4 + 5 + 67 = 100.

A PASSWORD TO WORD POWER! Pictured below are two puzzle grids, each containing four words. Hints are given, and the words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

- They come with nails.
- Mexican favorite.
- Coarse file.
- Found in classrooms.



- A stinging pest.
- A layer of paint.
- Golfers love them.
- What cars may do.

Answers: 1. Pains-wasp. 2. Taco-coal. 3. Rasp-pairs. 4. Kids-skid.



by Charles Barry Townsend



PUNCH IN FOR PUZZLE FUN!

In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed TIME to CARD in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves:

- GOLD to MINE
- FIRE to BALL
- WORM to BAIT
- HALF to PINT
- PASS to WORD

Answers:
1. GOLD, MOLD, MILD, MILE, MINE.
2. FIRE, FILE, BILE, BALL, BAIT.
3. WORM, WARM, WART, BAIT.
4. HALF, HALT, HILT, PINT.
5. PASS, PARS, WARS, WARD, WORD.



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TEACHING OUR STUDENTS RESPECT, COMPASSION, AND DIGNITY

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Several years ago when I attended my 40th class reunion I received an inspirational message from a friend that I haven't seen since the eighth grade. It totally caught me off guard and I had no memory of this ever happening. My renewed friendship of this classmate gave me an uplifting feeling of something that I did some 60 years ago. Being a successful businessman and now living in California, this friend drove all the way to Mississippi to see if I was still around and was in attendance. To my great surprise he told me, "Gary, I remember in the first grade I was being picked on by two boys and would not speak up for myself. You intervened and told them to leave me alone and I wasn't bothered by them anymore. I felt I needed to say Thank You for helping me then because it gave me a stronger self-esteem and more self-confidence." I did not recall the incident and never knew that this happened, however my friend remembered it and it made an impact on him and how he looked at life. There are many stories similar to this of how just one small step in helping someone will forever change their lives. I remember a story of how some bullies knocked a small boy to the ground, scattered his books, and broke his glasses. One young man stopped and helped him up, help him repair his glasses and pick up his books. These two young men became friends and were very successful in their adult lives. The young victim that was picked on became Valedictorian of his class and during his farewell speech alluded to one of the greatest things that ever happened to him. He acknowledged his friend and recalled the day that his friend picked him up and helped him. "It was that day I had cleaned out my locker and was taking all of my books home. I had been picked on all of my school years and I was beaten down. I was

on my way to commit suicide and end all of these problems. Thanks to this one person being nice to me and helping me, my view of the world changed." All of our schools are beginning a new year and we need to encourage students to step up and be kind and helpful to all of the students around them. We may never know what some of these students are facing and what kind of difficulties they are going through. Should they see someone being bullied they should tell someone that can intervene and stop the bullies. If they see someone that is timid and won't speak or stand up themselves, they should be friendly and encourage them in a positive way. As parents and adults we need to teach students with discipline, love, and encouragement. We need to talk to them about setting goals and achieving these goals. We need to teach them about caring and helping others, being orderly with good manners and respect for their teachers, administrators, and leaders. Our students of today need to understand that the way of the world will only lead them into poverty and a life of crime. We still to instill into them that a life of crime and drugs will kill them or either send them to jail for a lifetime of misery and regret. One of the greatest gifts we can give our children and students is the knowledge of Jesus Christ that through Him is eternal salvation. God gives us all of the laws that we will ever need and He has provided rules and regulations for us. In John 14:15 Jesus tells us, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Let's teach our children the Ten Commandments and once they learn these many of the problems in our school systems will cease. It's all about respect, honor, compassion, and dignity.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY N. HAMPEL, DECEASED
CLARK HENEGAN PETITIONER
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:19-CV-43-CB
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of Mary N. Hampel, deceased whose place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Clark Henegan, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Mary N. Hampel, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Christopher James Weigand.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 1:30 o'clock p.m. on the 26th day of March, 2019, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 19 day of February, 2019.

(SEAL) Timothy A. Kellar, Hancock County Chancery Clerk Ashley Miller, D.C.

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AMERICAN PRIDE PROPERTIES, LLC PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
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DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 18-CV-752-CB
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This is a suit by AMERICAN PRIDE PROPERTIES, LLC, to quiet and confirm title in themselves to that certain property legally described as:

DESCRIPTION OF LAND: BLK 4, LOT 17, SPANISH ACRES SUB AA-6 SEC 44 TWP 08 RANGE 14W 1-166 PARCEL #1370-0-44-001.000 DISTRICT: 1050 CITY: 1 SCHOOL: 1

CLARENCE E. ALMOND AND HELEN A. ALMOND obtained their interest in the subject property by virtue of that certain ASSUMPTION WARRANTY DEED dated 07/28/1982, and recorded on 07/29/1982 in Book AA61 at Page 166 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Plaintiff, AMERICAN PRIDE PROPERTIES, LLC obtained its interest in the subject property by virtue of a Quitclaim Deed and Assignment granted by MS TL LLC RAI, as Custodian dated 10/29/18 and recorded on 11/05/18 in Book 2018 at Page 13449 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. MS TL LLC RAI as Custodian, being the highest and best bidder at the tax sale dated 08/31/16 for the 2015 Hancock County ad valorem taxes which were not redeemed, was granted a Chancery Clerk's Conveyance for said property on 10/15/18 which was recorded on 10/15/18 in Book 2018 at Page 12693 in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk. If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, Negretto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. "Skip" Negretto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 133 Davis Avenue, Ste. L, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 (SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi DATED: 2-14-19

By: Bridgett Ladner, Deputy Clerk Lewie G. "Skip" Negretto, IV NEGRETTO & ASSOCIATES, PLLC 133 Davis Avenue, Suite L, Pass Christian, MS 39571 228-222-4777 02/16; 02/23; 03/02/19

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DeLisle Elementary School’s Robo Pirates ‘Arrh Out of This World’



Robo Pirate team members Natalie Vo, Larkin Lewis, Ande Montiforte and Aiden Kurre along with gifted education teacher and FLL coach Stacey Meyer.

SEA COAST ECHO

A team of DeLisle Elementary 5th grade Explore students, known as the “Robo Pirates”, broke out of their earthly constraints and went “Into Orbit” at the Mississippi FIRST LEGO League Championship, which took place on Saturday, February 16 at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl, MS. FIRST LEGO League challenges students to think like scientists and engineers. During the “Into Orbit” season, the Robo Pirates chose and solved a real-world space related problem. They also built, tested, and programmed an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 technology to solve a set of space themed missions. Throughout their experience, they operated under the FIRST signature set of Core Values, cele-

brating discovery, teamwork, and gracious professionalism. Along their journey, the Robo Pirates developed critical thinking and team-building skills, built STEM self-confidence, and gained valuable perspective on the importance of failure and perseverance in the learning process. At the tournament, the Robo Pirates distinguished themselves by receiving two prestigious awards. The first award, the Judges’ Award, recognizes a remarkable team whose unique performance, efforts, and dynamics merit recognition. The Robo Pirates also received the 3rd Place Global Innovation Award. This award is given to teams who developed an innovative solution to a real-world problem related to the “Into Orbit” Challenge theme which deals with problems faced by humans during long duration space exploration within our Sun’s solar system.

Bay native retires after 30 years with U.S. Army

SEA COAST ECHO

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Leonard Kergosien, a native of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, is retiring on May 1, 2019, after 30 years of service in the U.S. Army. LTC Kergosien began his military career in 1988 when he enlisted in the infantry soon after high school graduation. His first assignment was to the 7th Infantry Division (L) at Fort Ord, CA. Highlights from this tour include participation in Operation JUST CAUSE to oust the Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega; an experimental Joint Readiness Training Center rotation at Fort Huachuca, AZ; and a rotation to the Jungle Operations Training Center at Fort Sherman, Panama. In 1995, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry. He currently serves as Deputy Chief, Program and Operations Division, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). In this capacity, he executes all division functions for mission services, operations and taskings, programs and human resources, and foreign material. LTC Kergosien’s previous assignment was Deputy Chief, DIA Liaison-Canberra, Australia. He served as DIA’s representative to Australia’s Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO) and other U.S. and commonwealth intelligence agencies as required, provided defense intelligence support to the U.S. mission in Australia, and facilitated collaboration and exchange of bilateral and multinational intelligence products between DIO and U.S. defense intelligence production centers. LTC Kergosien served in several leadership positions throughout his career to include Chief, Combat Readiness Branch, U.S. Central Command; Chief, Talent Augmentation

Liaison Enhancement Network (a cultural intelligence program), U.S. Special Operations Command; Commander, D Troop, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM); Commander, B Company, 11th Infantry Regiment; Support Platoon Leader, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry (Republic of Panama); and Rifle Platoon Leader, A Company, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry (Republic of Panama). Military awards include the Expert Infantryman Badge; Combat Infantryman Badge (Operation JUST CAUSE); Parachutist Badge; Ranger Tab; Air Assault Badge; Pathfinder Badge; Canadian Parachutist Badge; Australian Parachutist Badge; National Infantry Association’s Order of Saint Maurice; and United States Armor Association’s Noble Patron of Armor. Military decorations include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM); Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters; Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters; Army Achievement Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters; Presidential Unit Citation (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM); Joint Meritorious Unit Award with 2 oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Operation JUST CAUSE); Iraq Campaign Medal with 3 campaign stars; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal (Hurricane Katrina); Overseas Service Ribbon with 2 oak leaf clusters (Republic of Panama, Iraq, and Australia); Overseas

Service Bar (3); and Distinguished Military Graduate, ROTC, University of Mississippi. LTC Kergosien’s training and education is extensive. Highlights include Special Forces Assessment and Selection; Infantry Officer Basic Course; Infantry Captains Career Course; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; Staff Officer Course; Strategic Intelligence Officer Course; Joint Forces Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School; U.S. Army War College, Defense Strategy Course; Saint Stanislaus College, diploma; University of Mississippi, bachelor’s degree; and National Intelligence University, Post Graduate Intelligence Program (Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence). Throughout his career, LTC Kergosien truly lived his motto: mission, men, me (in this order). He has loved and served his God and country and always placed others first. His philosophy – “Do. There is no try.” – set the tone for his work ethic. As a leader, he never set himself apart from or held himself above his men. He led while serving right alongside them which boosted morale and enhanced unit cohesion and fostered deep loyalties. The Greek philosopher Pericles once said: “What you leave behind is not what is engraved on monuments but what is woven into the hearts of others.” LTC Kergosien leaves behind a legacy of loyalty, discipline, and patriotism. We will miss him. LTC Kergosien is married to the former Ellen Carol Smith of Batesville, Mississippi. They have three beautiful daughters: Georgia (18), Leigh (15), and Ava (8). They currently live in Abbeville, Mississippi, and are active members of First Baptist Church, Oxford, and their community.

HHS Science Department Receives donation from Chemours



From left Duane Wilson, Chemours Site Engineering Manager; Shani Bourn, HHS Biology and Aquatic Science Teacher, and Tommy Melton, Chemours Area Manager of Safety.

SEA COAST ECHO

Chemours, DeLisle Plant, recently donated a Carbon Analyzer to the Biology Lab at Hancock High School.

This equipment is valued at about \$84,000.00 and will be used under the direction of Shani Bourn, HHS Biology and Aquatics Science teacher. This equipment will assist with primary pro-

ductivity analysis in Marine/Aquatic Science, comparison with Botany samples, and quantitative analysis with organics in Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry.



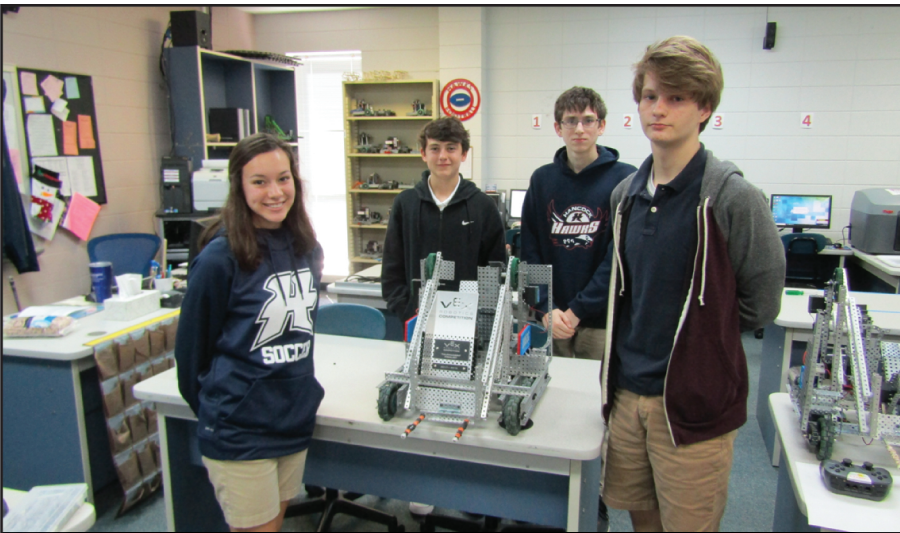
Shani Bourn with the donated carbon analyzer.

HCCTC Robotics Teams Advance to State Competition

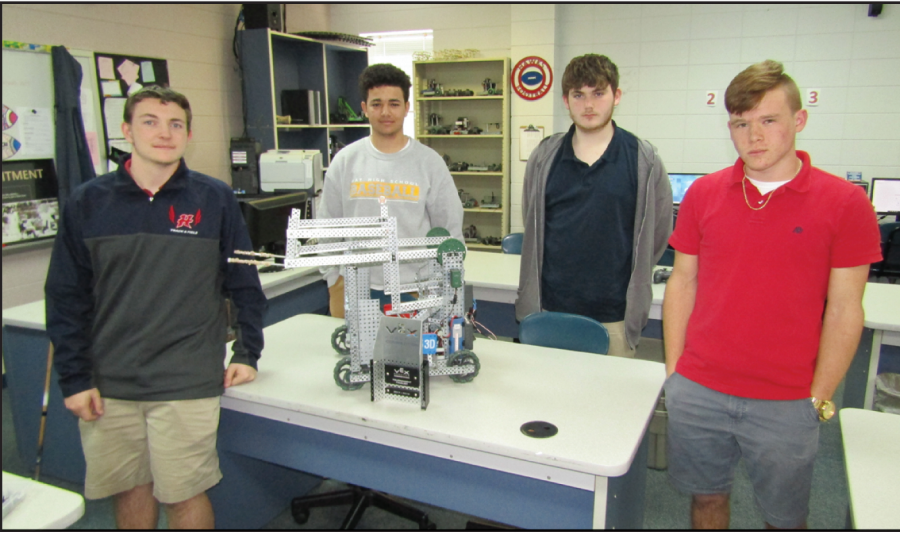
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Eight students from the Hancock County Career Technical Center (HCCTC) recently competed in the Hancock High School VEX and Richton High School VEX Robotics Competitions. Of the twenty-one teams at the Hancock competition, the HCCTC teams finished in

first place. Of the nineteen teams at the Richton competition, the HCCTC teams again finished in first place with one team also winning the design award for best robot. These teams will now advance to the Mississippi State VEX Robotics Competition in March. The coach for the HCCTC Robotics teams is Andy Perniciaro.



Carlie Cucurullo, Cameron Durbin, Dillon Desplas, Tyler Gomillion (two 1st place finishes and design award)



Christopher Brenning, Damein Currie, Michael Rautenberg, Trevor Mayne (two first place finishes).